Sick Units with the BIFR in Gujarat

4413. SHRI BRAHMAKUMAR BHATT : Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) the number of sick units with the BIFR in Gujarat,

(b) the funds sanctioned to help them to start operation;

(c) the funds actually released to them; and

(d) the industries, other than textiles, proposed to be given BIFR support?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid of the Table of the House.

Export Group on Electronics Hardware Exports

4414. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA : Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have set up an expert group on electronics hardware exports; and

(b) what are the terms of reference ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) and (b) The Government is in the process of setting up a Group to look into the various policy and procedural changes that are required to be introduced in electronic hardware sector so as to give a boost to exports in this sector.

New Exim Policy

4415. SHRI PRABHAKAR REDDY : Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that new Exim Policy for 2000-2001 has liberalized imports and lifted quantitative restrictions on imports on several items including consumer goods;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof;

(c) whether Government are aware that such a step would have an adverse impact on the indigenous industries; and

(d) if so, the steps proposed to be taken in this regard as safeguard measures against dumping ?